

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT

TO

2 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 1054

By: Goodwin, Boren, and Nice of  
the Senate

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Lowe (Jason) of the House

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and Scholarship Program; amending 70 O.S. 2021,  
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language; increasing income limit for certain  
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used to verify income; removing certain eligibility  
criteria; directing the Oklahoma State Regents for  
Higher Education to give first priority status to  
certain applicants; modifying process for verifying  
documentation of lineage; requiring application form  
to include certain language; directing awards to be  
made in certain specified manner; directing the State  
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committee in selection process; providing for  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

22 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 2621, is  
23 amended to read as follows:  
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1       Section 2621. There is hereby created the Tulsa Reconciliation  
2 Education and Scholarship Program. The purpose of the program is to  
3 provide a scholarship award to residents of the Tulsa School  
4 District, which was greatly impacted both socially and economically  
5 by the civil unrest that occurred in the City of Tulsa during 1921.  
6 Beginning with the 2002-2003 school year, or as soon thereafter as  
7 practicable, and subject to the availability of funds, the program  
8 shall each year make scholarships available to as many students as  
9 feasible, up to three hundred scholarships, to qualified residents  
10 of the Tulsa School District, and to qualified students of any other  
11 public school district in the United States who are direct lineal  
12 descendants as defined in subsection C of Section 2623 of this title  
13 and who meet the criteria set forth in Sections 2623 and 2624 of  
14 this title, and who are intending to pursue studies at an  
15 institution of higher education in The Oklahoma State System of  
16 Higher Education or a private institution of higher education, in  
17 this state or who are intending to pursue studies in a postsecondary  
18 career and technology education program in this state. The  
19 scholarship shall be an amount ~~of not more than~~ not exceeding the  
20 equivalent of the average amount of resident tuition for which an  
21 eligible Tulsa Reconciliation Education and Scholarship Program  
22 participant enrolled at an institution of higher education in The  
23 Oklahoma State System of Higher Education or a postsecondary career  
24 and technology education program, whichever is applicable, is

1 obligated to pay. The scholarship shall be paid as provided for in  
2 Section 2625 of this title. The further purpose of this program is  
3 to establish and maintain a variety of educational support services  
4 whereby ~~residents~~ students who qualify for the program will be  
5 prepared for success in postsecondary endeavors.

6 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 2623, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 Section 2623. A. Subject to the availability of funds, the  
9 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education may annually award a  
10 maximum of three hundred full-time-equivalent scholarships for the  
11 Tulsa Reconciliation Education and Scholarship Program to residents  
12 of the Tulsa School District and to qualified students of any other  
13 public school district in the United States who are direct lineal  
14 descendants as defined in subsection C of this section and who are  
15 intending to pursue studies at an institution of higher education in  
16 The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education or a private  
17 institution of higher education in this state or who are intending  
18 to pursue studies in a postsecondary career and technology education  
19 program in this state.

20 B. To qualify for a scholarship, the family income of an  
21 applicant shall ~~satisfy the following criteria:~~

22 ~~1. The family income of the applicant,~~ from taxable sources ~~is~~  
23 ~~not more than Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00),~~ not exceed One  
24 Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) per year. There

1 shall be no family income limit for an applicant who is a direct  
2 lineal descendant as defined in subsection C of this section. The  
3 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form may be used to  
4 verify family income.

5 ~~2. The applicant attended a Tulsa public school where seventy-~~  
6 ~~five percent (75%) or more of the students enrolled in the school~~  
7 ~~qualify for the free and reduced lunch program; and~~

8 ~~3. The applicant resides in a census block area within the~~  
9 ~~Tulsa School District where thirty percent (30%) or more of the~~  
10 ~~residents are at or below the poverty level established by the~~  
11 ~~United States Bureau of the Census.~~

12 C. ~~The State Regents may consider as a~~ Regents' selection  
13 process shall factor, when determining the order of preference of  
14 give first priority status to applicants, whether an applicant who  
15 is a direct lineal descendant of a person who resided in the  
16 Greenwood Area in the City of Tulsa between April 30, 1921, and June  
17 1, 1921, and was a victim of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre. If the  
18 ~~Regents use~~ Use of descent as a preference factor, it shall be  
19 applied to all applicants regardless of race. The applicants shall  
20 be required to present verifiable documentation of their lineage.  
21 ~~The Oklahoma Historical Society~~ An organization or individual  
22 engaged in genealogy and research of descendants and history of the  
23 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre and Greenwood Area shall verify the  
24 authenticity and accuracy of the documentation submitted by an

1 applicant and shall ~~establish~~ confirm the boundaries of the  
2 Greenwood Area. Verifiable documentation shall include, but not be  
3 limited to, the following:

4 1. Family records including family bibles, vital records,  
5 correspondence, memoirs, journals, diaries, unrecorded deeds,  
6 diplomas, certificates, or testimonials;

7 2. Public records including censuses, government records,  
8 military records, pensions, land bounty records, passport  
9 applications, passenger lists, original grants, naturalization or  
10 immigration records, records of entry, or state, province, or local  
11 records; or

12 3. Institutional records including church records, cemetery  
13 records and inscriptions, education institutions, insurance records,  
14 or societies and fraternal organizations.

15 D. The State Regents shall promulgate rules establishing the  
16 application requirements for the program and the system for  
17 evaluating applications based on the preference factors. The  
18 application form shall include a small outlined box graphic,  
19 followed by the following language: "Mark the box if you are a  
20 direct lineal descendant of a victim greatly impacted socially and  
21 economically during the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre who resided in the  
22 Greenwood Area of Tulsa, Oklahoma, between April 30, 1921, and June  
23 1, 1921."

1 E. Applicants shall also meet the eligibility criteria  
2 established in Section 2624 of this title.

3 F. ~~The Oklahoma~~ In addition to the scholarships authorized  
4 pursuant to Section 2621 of this title and this section, the State  
5 ~~Regents for Higher Education~~ shall also be authorized to annually  
6 award scholarships for the Tulsa Reconciliation Education and  
7 Scholarship Program to two students at each of the high schools in  
8 the Tulsa School District for the purpose of preserving awareness of  
9 the history and meaning of the civil unrest that occurred in Tulsa  
10 in 1921. The following provisions shall apply to the ~~scholarship~~  
11 scholarships provided in this subsection:

12 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection B of this  
13 section, eligibility for the scholarships awarded pursuant to this  
14 subsection shall be:

- 15 a. enrollment in the appropriate high school,
- 16 b. family income of the applicant from taxable sources  
17 not to exceed ~~Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00)~~  
18 One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00)  
19 per year. There shall be no family income limit for  
20 an applicant who is a direct lineal descendant as  
21 defined in subsection C of this section,
- 22 c. made as provided for in subsection C of this section,
- 23 d. satisfaction of the criteria specified in Section 2624  
24 of this title, and



1           ~~d.~~ e. any other relevant criteria determined by the  
2           Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education;

3           2. The State Regents shall involve the administration of the  
4           Tulsa School District and a community advisory committee in the  
5           selection process. The community advisory committee shall be  
6           comprised of seven (7) members appointed by the Chancellor of Higher  
7           Education. The community advisory committee shall be comprised of:

8           a. the President of Langston University or his or her  
9           designee,

10          b. the Superintendent of Tulsa Public Schools or his or  
11          her designee,

12          c. two members of the Legislature representing the  
13          Greenwood area in the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma, or  
14          their designees,

15          d. two descendants of socially and economically adversely  
16          impacted persons who resided in the Greenwood Area in  
17          the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma, between April 30, 1921  
18          and June 1, 1921, and

19          e. a citizen with ties to the historic Greenwood  
20          community who may be engaged in faith-based,  
21          education, or social, business, or advocacy work.

22          The President of Langston University, or his or her designee,  
23          shall be responsible for coordinating with the community advisory  
24          committee and shall submit to the Chancellor of Higher Education a

1 list of proposed committee members for review and approval. The  
2 community advisory committee shall review scholarship applications  
3 and make recommendations for scholarship recipients and scholarship  
4 award amounts. The State Regents shall select scholarship  
5 recipients from the list of recommendations provided pursuant to  
6 this paragraph;

7 3. The award shall be limited to a one-year full-time-  
8 equivalent period. Following successful completion of such award,  
9 recipients who meet the criteria provided in subsection B of this  
10 section shall be eligible to apply and be considered for continued  
11 participation in the full Tulsa Reconciliation Education and  
12 Scholarship Program. Any student subsequently awarded such  
13 scholarship shall have the duration of the scholarship provided  
14 pursuant to this subsection deducted from the limits set in  
15 subsection D of Section 2625 of this title;

16 4. The award may only be funded with state funds appropriated  
17 to the Tulsa Reconciliation Education and Scholarship Trust Fund and  
18 income therefrom, and shall be made subject to the availability of  
19 such funds; and

20 5. The awards made pursuant to this subsection shall be  
21 included within the maximum number of scholarships specified in  
22 subsection A of this section.

23 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 2625, is  
24 amended to read as follows:

1       Section 2625. A. Subject to the availability of funds, an  
2 amount of not more than the equivalent of the average amount of  
3 resident tuition for which an eligible Tulsa Reconciliation  
4 Education and Scholarship Program participant enrolled in an  
5 institution in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, or  
6 enrolled in a postsecondary career and technology education program,  
7 whichever is applicable, is obligated to pay shall be awarded by  
8 allocation from the Tulsa Reconciliation Education and Scholarship  
9 Trust Fund.

10       B. Subject to the availability of funds, for each eligible  
11 Tulsa Reconciliation Education and Scholarship Program participant  
12 enrolled at a private institution of higher education, the Oklahoma  
13 State Regents for Higher Education shall award from the Tulsa  
14 Reconciliation Education and Scholarship Trust Fund an amount of not  
15 more than the equivalent of the average amount of resident tuition  
16 for which the participant would be eligible if the participant were  
17 enrolled in a program at an institution of The Oklahoma State System  
18 of Higher Education.

19       C. Subject to the availability of funds, an amount of not more  
20 than the equivalent of the average amount of tuition for which an  
21 eligible Tulsa Reconciliation Education and Scholarship Program  
22 participant enrolled in a postsecondary career and technology  
23 education program is obligated to pay shall be awarded by allocation  
24 from the Tulsa Reconciliation Education and Scholarship Trust Fund.

1 The allocation shall not exceed the amount a participant would have  
2 received for enrollment at a two-year institution within The  
3 Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

4 D. Benefits awarded under the Tulsa Reconciliation Education  
5 and Scholarship Program shall not be allowed for courses or other  
6 postsecondary units taken in excess of the requirements for  
7 completion of a baccalaureate program or taken more than five (5)  
8 years after the student's first semester of participation in the  
9 program. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education may award  
10 the Tulsa Reconciliation Education and Scholarship Program benefits  
11 for courses of postsecondary units taken more than five (5) years  
12 after the student's first semester of participation in the program  
13 only in hardship circumstances. No Tulsa Reconciliation Education  
14 and Scholarship Program participant may receive benefits beyond a  
15 cumulative time period of five (5) years. The Oklahoma State  
16 Regents for Higher Education may establish a maximum limit on the  
17 number of courses or other postsecondary units to which Tulsa  
18 Reconciliation Education and Scholarship Program benefits will  
19 apply. An award to an eligible Tulsa Reconciliation Education and  
20 Scholarship Program participant who is enrolled in a postsecondary  
21 career and technology education program may be used to pay for both  
22 career and technology education and college work if both are  
23 required by the program.

1        E. Benefits awarded under the Tulsa Reconciliation Education  
2 and Scholarship Program shall be awarded to not more than ~~300~~ three  
3 hundred (300) eligible participants annually, subject to the amount  
4 of funds available for the program and the number of eligible  
5 participants. Subject to the provisions of subsection F of this  
6 section, if funds are not sufficient to provide awards for the  
7 maximum number of eligible participants each year, the Oklahoma  
8 State Regents for Higher Education shall make awards on the basis of  
9 need. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall take  
10 into consideration other grants and scholarships received by an  
11 eligible student when making awards. If ~~an eligible student~~  
12 ~~receives other grants and scholarships~~ scholarship award funds  
13 remain after payment of resident tuition, the benefits awarded under  
14 the Tulsa Reconciliation Education and Scholarship Program may cover  
15 any additional educational costs not covered by the other grants and  
16 scholarships including, but not limited to, fees, required textbooks  
17 or materials, and room and board. If the family of an eligible  
18 Tulsa Reconciliation Education and Scholarship Program participant  
19 may qualify for the federal Hope Scholarship or Lifetime Learning  
20 tax credit as provided for in the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, P.L.  
21 No. 105-34, the participant may elect to use the award allowed by  
22 this section to pay for fees, required textbooks or materials and,  
23 if any funds remain, to pay for room and board instead of resident  
24 tuition.

1 F. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education may, at the  
2 time an award is made on behalf of a Tulsa Reconciliation Education  
3 and Scholarship Program participant, set aside in the Tulsa  
4 Reconciliation Education and Scholarship Trust Fund funds for the  
5 full commitment made to such Tulsa Reconciliation Education and  
6 Scholarship Program participant. For all academic years,  
7 participants who have previously received awards under the  
8 provisions of the Tulsa Reconciliation Education and Scholarship Act  
9 and who have continued at all times to fulfill the requirements for  
10 eligibility to receive awards provided pursuant to this program  
11 shall be given ~~an absolute~~ priority for continued financial support  
12 by the Tulsa Reconciliation Education and Scholarship Program  
13 superior to any ~~residents~~ students who are applying for such  
14 benefits for the first time; provided, however, that scholarship  
15 applicants who are direct lineal descendants as defined in  
16 subsection C of Section 2623 of this title shall always be given  
17 first priority status.

18 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
19 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby  
20 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
21 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.  
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1 Passed the Senate the 26th day of March, 2025.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
6 2025.

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